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Senator Musto, Representative Urban and member of the Children's Committee:

In addition to myself, I am testifying on behalf Senator DeFronzo and the entire New Britain delegation.

Thank you very much for hearing Senate Bill 17, An Act Authorizing Bonds of the State for the Boys and Girls Club of New Britain, to provide \$1.3 million in bond funding to upgrade the facilities of the Boys & Girls Club of New Britain. I would like to ask that you report this legislation favorably.

The New Britain Boys & Girls Club provides essential opportunities for young people in my community. Located in the heart of the city, it serves 2,652 children and teens with an array of activities. It is a very important resource to have for New Britain's young people and it is a high priority for me that it is able to continue its good work.

The Club's well-utilized facility at 150 Washington Street was built in 1973 and it is great need of rehabilitation and upgrading in order to remain a place that can host the important services of the organization.

The total cost of this work is estimated at \$2 million, and the \$1.3 million in state bond funds that would be authorized under SB17 would be important part of ensuring that these needed renovations and upgrades can be done and that the Boys & Girls Club will be able to carry on the important role that it plays in the lives of thousands of New Britain's young people.

Thank you for your time,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim O'Brien".

Rep. Tim O'Brien